

Portland Harbor Desk Statement – *To be used ONLY for reaction to press queries on draft Feasibility Study Sections 3 and 4. No proactive communication planned*

With the completion of the final two sections of the draft “Feasibility Study,” EPA is on track to deliver its proposed Portland Harbor cleanup plan in the spring of 2016. With the combined work of EPA, the Lower Willamette Group, Oregon DEQ, tribes and other partners, we now more fully understand the extent and risks posed by the pollution in the river.

With a range of five cleanup alternatives to evaluate between now and next spring -- each differing in approach to cleanup, duration and cost -- the challenge will be to develop a plan that that protects people, protects the environment, and preserves the economic vitality of Portland Harbor.

We owe it to everyone who loves and relies on this river to develop the best cleanup plan we can and we encourage everyone who cares about the river to participate in that dialogue.

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